



Leona Louise Heidtke

March 20, 1929 - March 20, 2010

KINGSFORD - Leona "Lee" Louise Heidtke, 81, of N3793 Bluff View Drive in Breitung Township, died peacefully on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at ManorCare Health Center in Kingsford.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1928, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Carl and Lillian (Johnson) Krooks. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1947.

On Sept. 24, 1949, she married David Heidtke in Iron Mountain and together they raised two sons, Dave and Dean. Later in life, she was blessed with two granddaughters, Lauren and Rozalyn and a great-grandson, Rami.

Lee was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Quinnesec. She enjoyed listening to music played by her granddaughters and singing hymns. She was known for her baking, especially her home-baked bread and pies. She loved the outdoors and camping with her family. Even in her later years, she enjoyed nothing better than driving her golf cart through the trails in their beautiful Pine Creek property. Lee never wanted more from life than to share the love of her family. She had an open heart and was loved by many.

She is survived by husband, Dave Heidtke; sons, David (Clare) Heidtke of Petoskey, Mich. and Dean (Sally) Heidtke of Iron Mountain; granddaughters,

Lauren (Raad) Amer of Virginia and Roz Heidtke of Grand Rapids, Mich.; great-grandson, Rami Amer; brother, Calvin (Jean) Krooks of Norway; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Root of Milwaukee, Melvin Heidtke of Racine, Wis., and John Heidtke of Hawaii; sisters-in-law, Laverne Haigh of Iron Mountain, Marcella (Micky) Kolba of Racine, and Lorraine Bulgrin of Marinette, Wis. and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carl (Bud) Krooks and sisters, Margaret Gustafson and Kay Root.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow Thursday at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Leona Heidtke can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

EB

“ Dean, Sally & Family- So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ed, Erin, Eddie & Eva

Erin Barnhart - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Uncle Dave, David & Clare and Dean & Sally, We are so sorry to hear about Auntie Lee. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. Paul has such wonderful memories of time spent in Iron Mountain with you all. We pray that your memories will bring you comfort and your faith will bring you peace. God's Blessings to you all. Paul, Susan, Brian and Christine

Paul and Susan Bulgrin - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear David and family: I was so surprised and saddened to read about Lee's death. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was a very special lady. Prayerfully yours, Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn.

Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dave and family. You have our sincere sympathy for your loss.

Richard and Cindy Fuller - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM